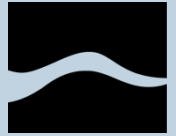


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT RIGHTEOUS AUTHORITY

Mark 14:53-65



BIG IDEA: The righteous Judge was unjustly condemned by those he will one day judge.

APPLICATION GUIDE

AUGUST 30, 2026

DISCUSS

Have you ever been confidently wrong about something? What finally convinced you?

Sometimes the problem isn't that we don't have enough evidence—it's that we've already made up our minds. That's exactly what we see in this passage.

EXPLORE

What do the council's efforts to find testimony against Jesus reveal about both their motives and Jesus' innocence?

What does Jesus claim about himself through the titles and Old Testament imagery he uses? What does this reveal about his identity and authority?

Why does the council condemn Jesus for blasphemy, and what ironies do you see in the way they condemn and abuse him?

APPLY

The council had already decided what they wanted to believe about Jesus and then looked for evidence to support it. Where are you tempted to make God's Word fit what you already want to believe or do?

Jesus remained silent before false accusations but spoke clearly when asked about his identity. How should Jesus' willingness to suffer unjustly shape the way you respond when you are misunderstood, falsely accused, or treated unfairly?

Jesus claims the authority to sit at God's right hand and ultimately judge the world. Is there an area of your life where you are resisting his rightful authority rather than submitting to him?

COMMIT

Because Jesus is the righteous Judge who willingly endured judgment to save sinners, what is one specific way you will bow to his authority this week through repentance, trust, or obedience?